

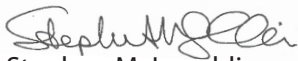
Dear Friend:

Fairfax County Athletic Council (FCAC) is pleased to announce the sixth annual Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards. This awards program honors coaches and youth for extraordinary service in pursuing victory with honor. The Champions of Character Awards Program is based on the National Character Counts Sports Project. The project's aim is to help restore the ennobling tradition of amateur athletic competition. The FCAC invites you to nominate outstanding adults and/or youth who have demonstrated extraordinary service in the sports community while modeling the basic traits of good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Adults and youth participating in any county sports league will be invited to be recognized at a Fairfax County Board of Supervisors ceremony in October 2006, National Character Counts Month. Champions of Character award recipients will receive certificates of recognition and be recognized in the program book. The awards will be presented by the Board of Supervisors and myself at a Board meeting.

Nominations are now being accepted and may be submitted by individuals, sports organizations, civic groups, schools, and the faith community. The deadline for submission of a nomination is 4 p.m., June 30, 2006. We know you will want to be part of this exciting effort.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen McLaughlin  
Chairman

Fairfax County Athletic Council



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## *Champions of Character* **AWARDS**



# 2006

April 2006

# Countywide Representation

One coach, male or female and one male and one female youth player will be selected from each magisterial district. One additional award will be presented to an adult athlete from Fairfax County. All submissions will be reviewed and award determination made by a panel of judges.

## Nomination Guidelines

- Nominees may be any youth or coach participating in league sports in Fairfax County during the 2005-06 sports year.
- Nominations must be received by 4 p.m. June 30, 2006.
- A brief description (100 words or less) on how the player/coach has shown outstanding strength of character must accompany the nomination form.
- Nominations are subject to verification.

## Player Nominees

A nominee should be an individual who has demonstrated outstanding strength of character while:

- Respecting opponents and game officials;
- Treating all team players fairly, giving attention to all players regardless of skill level;
- Giving respect and consideration to other team members;
- Helping team mates with words of encouragement and inspiration;



- Playing true to the spirit and rules of the game, and promoting friendly competition;
- Exhibiting grace under pressure and in the face of adversity;
- Exhibiting courage in defeat, and moderation in victory;
- Showing a willingness to sacrifice personal goals for those of the team; and/or
- Giving back to the team or program by helping out when able.

## Coach Nominees

A nominee should be an individual who has demonstrated outstanding strength of character while:

- Being respectful to opponents and game officials;
- Treating all team players fairly, giving attention to all players regardless of skill level;
- Recognizing the efforts of individual team members;
- Motivating teams and individuals in a positive manner;
- Focusing on long term goals, not just win/loss records;
- Promoting the concept that success is measured by individual and team efforts, not by a scoreboard;
- Imparting knowledge and love of the game to the team in a positive manner;
- Taking responsibility for the behavior of self, team, and parents; and/or
- Exhibiting courage in defeat, and moderation in victory.

### Questions:

Ashlee Currie 703-324-5523  
TTY 703-222-9693  
Ashlee.currie@fairfaxcounty.gov



Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sport Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (daytime): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In which district of Fairfax County was the volunteer work performed (check one below):

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Braddock    | <input type="checkbox"/> Springfield  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lee         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Mill  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providence  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Vernon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dranesville | <input type="checkbox"/> Sully        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mason       |                                       |

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sport Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (daytime): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Signature

*I verify that the individual nominated herein has performed as described. Judges may contact me for verification of this nomination.*

### Mail To:

Fairfax County Department of  
Community and Recreation  
Services  
12011 Government Center  
Parkway, 10th Floor  
Fairfax, VA 22035-1115  
ATTN: Ashlee Currie  
*Be sure to include a brief  
description of the nominee with  
this form.*

### Submission Deadline:

Before 4 p.m. on  
Friday, June 30, 2006

